Bring Your Parents November 9

The Pilot

And a Weird Hallowe'en to You, Too

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Dewey Carries Student's Vote

F.D.R. Wins National Poll; Fort Hamilton Disagrees

By Marie DiTrani

If American high school students were able to vote in this coming presidential election, a strong majority of them would cast their votes for Franklin D. Roosevelt, according to the national survey just completed by the Institute of Student Opinion. Of the 102,051 high school students polled, 56% were for Roosevelt, 38% were for Dewey, and 5% were undecided.

In Fort Hamilton, however, the majority of students were found to be in favor of Dewey, although Roosevelt was close behind .

In the first question—If you were of voting age today, which candidate would you vote for in the coming presidential election? — the score showed that a small majority of the girl students are in favor of Mr. Dewey, while in the case of the boys a larger majority of them are in favor of Mr. Dewey. The girls' voting was very close, Mr. Dewey receiving 616 votes as opposed to Mr. Roosevelt who received 508 votes.

Very Few Undecided

Although Mr. Dewey carried the school, in the 7th term, more girls favored Mr. Roosevelt than Mr. Dewey. The girls of the 5th term also favored Mr. Roosevelt. The boys of the senior class voted in favor of Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Dewey receiving ten fewer votes. Throughout the school there were twenty-nine students who had no opinion and did not know which of the two presidential candidates they would vote for if they were able.

The second question which asked if the student believes that his parents will vote for the same candidate as himself showed that the majority of the students thought that their parents were of the same political convictions as themselves.

The Results in Detail

Boys

Grade	Roosevelt Totals	Dewey Totals
1	16	30
2	43	53
3	59	61
4	20	36
5	41	49
6	15	30
7	32	52
8	29	19
	255	330
No. class	340	476
Total	595	806

Girls

	Roosevelt	Dewey
1	22	37
2	53	58
3	56	71
4	33	29
5	56	50
6	19	29
7	59	52
8	18	32
	316	368
No. class	192	248
Total	508	616
School Totals	1003	1422

Thanks

As a reminder that Christmas is only 54 days off, Rose Scutter, 8-5, has received a letter of thanks from Seaman 1/c Alvin J. Reagan for the ditty bag sent to him by the members of the Red Cross Club under the supervision of Miss Mattson. They are now beginning to pack Christmas gifts again and need help in this endeavor.

Hello stranger,

As you can see I'm not much of a hand at writing letters and with the rolling and rocking of the ship I'm worse.

You don't know how good it feels to have some one like you 100% in back of me. And now tell me, did you pick all the things you had in the ditty bag out by yourself? If so, you sure know what a fellow can use. As you say here I can use these things between Victories till the rising sun rises no more. Well we're just about ready to splash some water on it and put it out. Until then we will keep them floating. Well now I think it's about time to thank you for the things I received, so thanks a lot. You know it's funny, I was looking at your school address and saw your principal's name was the same as that of the last officer I had. I hope he is a little better for ours was an old crank. I will say so long now and if you ever have the time and wouldn't mind too much maybe you could drop me a line or two.

You ended by saying your pal.

Your Pal Jo,
Alvin J. Reagan S1/c
Esso, New Orleans
Armed Guard
Fleet Post Office
New York, N. Y.

S1-c Westbay Speaks At Arista Assembly

James Westbay, former boy leader of Arista, gave an address at the Arista installation assembly, which was witnessed by fourth and fifth term students as well as the parents and guests of the newly elected members, on Wednesday, October 25.

Navy Life Finds Tolerance

Westbay, who is now enrolled in the Navy V-12 training program as a medical student, spoke of his life at Ursinus College, explaining that the opportunity of meeting boys from all corners of America and of many different religious faiths led to a general understanding of tolerance among the groups of Navy men stationed there.

The 37 new members of Arista are:

Doris Grass, William Iulo, Francis Conti, Carolyn Conti, Norma Andreason, Elsie Andos, Kenneth Benson, Norma Kleppe, Selma Kalman, Barbara Atkins, Joseph Jagust, Katherine Bosco, Marie DiTrani, Ruth Erickson, Martha Carlson, Betty Leuchs, Robert Wolke, Barbara Meitin, Charles Morse, Stuart Farber, Conrad Wroblewski, Naomi Kotch, Gilbert Walker, Marcel Weill, Kathryn Fricia, Anthony Bonanno, Leonard Epifano, Ivan Polonsky, Leonore Feinberg, Shirley Wiener, Olga Daly, Anna Apanovich, Janet Kowalski, Clifford Swanson, Evelyn Eenberg, Marie Lesnick, Joan Pecorraro.

Committee Plans For Youth Center

Students, Parents Support Tentative Canteen Project

"But Fort Hamilton doesn't really need a youth center. We aren't a bunch of juvenile delinquents." "Where are you going to find a place large enough to hold even part of our students?" "What about the project started up on 94th Street by the 64th Precinct?"

Those are only three of the many questions and problems put before the members of the Youth Center Planning Committee at the meeting held on October 20.

Pushed by Twelve Students

The Boy's Hi-Y, supervised by Mr. Hague from the Y.M.C.A., were the first group of Hamiltonians to become interested in the plan. In conjunction with several other students also interested, a temporary planning committee was set up at the beginning of the term. This committee, made up of eleven student leaders, was organized for the purpose of getting the ball rolling, getting people both inside and outside of school to support the idea.

They addressed the recent meeting of the P.T.A., and discovered the parents were whole-heartedly behind the students in every way. Finally the subject was thrown open to the entire student body at this meeting. Committees for publicity, house-hunting, and several temporary subcommittees were appointed. The next public meeting will be announced soon. There will be a meeting of the temporary committee, and the parents who signed up with them, to make the necessary arrangements.

Planning Committee

Those students on the planning committeee are: Charles Morse 7-3 and Jane Clark 7-7, Co-Chairmen, Eleanor Bell 8-4, Evemay Elian 2-5, Bernard Cohen 7-4, Rosemary D'Olier 7-6, Conrad Wroblewski 7-6, Carroll Lewis 7-3, Janice Lassen 7-7, Evelyn Torgesen 7-6, and Phil Monaco 7-7.

Anchor Theme to Be Just Around Corner

Stories, poems and articles based on the theme of "Just Around the Corner" are now being submitted by Fort Hamilton's authors to the *Anchor* staff which is now selecting the material that will go into the Winter Issue to be published some time in December.

The best stories, poems and articles will be selected by the members of the staff and will be given *Anchor* awards. Miss Pattison, advisor to the staff, suggests that students who are interested in writing for the magazine or are interested in helping to edit the material submitted are invited to attend the meetings of the staff which are held every Monday and Wednesday at the end of the eighth period in room 325. "Any one who feels he has the ability may come in and take a look behind the scenes to see how a literary magazine is put together."

"This issue of the *Anchor* will not only be better-than-ever; it will be the best yet," was the enthusiastic comment of William Iulo the editor-in-chief.

School to Get Once-Over On Open School Night

Parents' Association Stressed Guidance

Student Canteen Suggested

"Fort Hamilton High School Looks Ahead" was the theme of the recent Parents' Association Meeting on Tuesday evening, October 17. After Mr. Frank J. McMullen, president, introduced the new officers, he outlined the purposes of the Parents' Association and made a plea for greater cooperation among the parents in connection with the work of this organization.

Charles Morse, 7-3, then spoke to the gathering concerning the establishment of a Teen Age Canteen, for high school students, to be backed by the parents and the community.

Faculty Members Speak

Three splendid addresses by facultiy members followed. Miss Elizabeth G. Hoffman, administrative assistant, outlined what she felt was ahead in the post-war world for the Johnny's and Mary's now in Fort Hamilton. She said it was only necessary to expect a let down after the war, and it was necessary to prepare youth for the future with this in mind. In closing she stated, "The aim of the Fort Hamilton guidance program is to help each student make the most of himself."

"What does the Grade Advisor Do?" was the topic covered by Mrs. Cecilia Willison, third term grade advisor. Mrs. Willison said, "The grade advisor guides the student from the day of entrance until graduation, aids him in preparation for the future and the armed services."

Students Need Goal

In Miss Grace Young's talk about college and business she said the greatest trouble with our students is the lack of a fixed goal and the lack of a fixed work habit. "The armed forces now need infantry men and able bodied seamen. Therefore preparation should be made now for boys who hope to enter into some specific field in the service," Miss Young stated. "The future belongs to the boys and girls who prepare for it today."

About 125 people attended the meeting. After the speeches two excellent films were shown: *Prepare Yourself for Big Game*, concerning sport and business, and another about the psychology tests used to help people to choose the jobs for which they are best fitted.

Contest For Students

Five thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded to the best suggestions offered for a Brooklyn War Memorial, in honor of those who fought and died in World War II.

Groups of students and students individually may submit ideas.

Two suggestions are made as to the nature of the memorial.

(a) a plaza or mall . . . (b) a building for meetings of veterans.

For further information write to the Brooklyn War Memorial Board, Joseph McNamara, Secretary, room 21, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Parents Invited to Meet Teachers, Visit Exhibitions

Since evening meetings have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, Open School Night on Thursday, November 9 will replace last year's Open School Day. It will last from 7:30 until 9 o'clock. An affair of this type is held every term in order to give parents the opportunity to meet the various teachers, who will be available in definite rooms. All grade advisors will be present for consultation. A number of classes will be in session for parents to view.

Admission Fee—One Parent

Visitors will use the main entrance on Narrows Avenue. The girls of Mrs. Scheaffer's ushering squad will be in the foyer ready to direct them to the different rooms. Admission for students is one parent. This affair is held in conjunction with the Fort Hamilton Parents' Association, in order to form great[illegible] ing among the mem[illegible] ulty, the parents a[illegible]

"Crafts Around[illegible] be the theme of [illegible] at this time. [illegible] come. The[illegible] to lead[illegible] the pe[illegible] arts a[illegible] original artistic [illegible] the importance of art expression in the life of all people, and to stimulate interest in crafts as an art form.

Material for the display will be lent to the school by the Brooklyn Museum. In connection with this exhibit, the case on the main floor will feature gifts sent to the United States by men and women in service in foreign lands. Contributions by students, members of the faculty and friends will be greatly appreciated.

Last year, the main foyer display was on the customs, dress, and culture of China. Since it was open school day, all classes, including the arts, crafts and textile art rooms, were open to visitors. The gym, too, had special activities planned for this day. During the 8th period the Glee Club held open-house and parents were invited to sit in.

American Education Week

Open School Night is held at this time in connection with American Education Week. Concerning this year's theme, "Education For New Tasks" Miss Elizabeth G. Hoffman, Administrative Assistant said, "Looking ahead we see in the post-war world countless new tasks to be performed. Here in America an[illegible] throughout the world the childre[illegible] of today will be faced with th[illegible] problems of tomorrow, and will be responsible to meet them wisely. The best preparation for these tasks is a good, well rounded, basic education. Even though the future is uncertain and we cannot tell now what new fields will expand after the victory and peace are won, we do know that the greatest security for our future and the strongest foundation on which to build our future is education—the best education we can get."

Gumption At Last

Congratulations to the students in the seventh term council who have recently suggested establishing an organization of united faiths. This undoubtedly has the aspects of being one of the most honorable actions an independent student body has ever performed in Fort Hamilton. If it is carried out properly and we have reason to suspect that it will, it would be a healthy smack at all racial prejudice. It would represent a clean vein of thought in the midst of some filthy currents, and it would certainly be representative of our American ideals of equality and brotherhood.

Practical Applications Necessary

The seventh termers should be thinking seriously about injecting the practical applications of this young organization into school life, for it is certainly something worth while. The mere suggestion by the seventh termers that we have such a club means that some of us are at last finding ourselves, finding a bit of the wisdom of free men that is naturally inherent in most Americans. It means that we are setting ourselves distinctly apart from the weak, unreasoning suckers who are so narrow and decadent of mind as to follow the orders of any would-be dictator who happened to appeal to them.

Yes, this time we are showing some gumption, and for that reason the *Pilot* supports and encourages this move by the students of the seventh term.

The Hallowe'en Spirits-s-s

[illegible] s never quite disappear. Some live on, [illegible] d through the years. Such is the case [illegible] whose ghost stories, jack o' lanterns, [illegible] seem never to grow old.

[illegible] for young people throughout Eng- [illegible] ck" for apples. There are many [illegible] ith this custom. For instance, [illegible] unate enough to win the [illegible] ith it under her pillow, [illegible] her lover.

[illegible] as for people to avoid [illegible] ies on Hallowe'en. The [illegible] pirits of the dead walk- [illegible] re was a saying that if [illegible] pirits face to face, he would [illegible] under no circumstances should [illegible] looked around if one heard foot- [illegible] ly ones, for many persons through- [illegible] peaking world have celebrated Hal- [illegible] nsiderable merriment. Of course, in [illegible] ke these, war ridden countries that once celebrated the holiday so religiously, have other things on their minds. We hope that very soon we may all concentrate, in peacetime, on our traditional holidays.

Holiday Pranks

Question: What do you plan to do on Halloween?

Answers:

Richard Marbois, 4-8

Shucks! What do you think I am, a kid? I'm gonna date my best gal and that's all.

George Donald, 5-7

The same old things I always do, I guess. I'll go around ringing door bells and soaping up windows.

Muriel Rettman, 7-7

I was going to have a party, but who'd I invite? I tired of girls' parties at the tender age of four.

Henry McNally, 3-14

I think I'd feel kinda foolish this year ringing bells. Maybe I'll just spend a quiet evening at home with the family—for a change.

Matilda Cascio, 5-8

I guess at the last minute I'll have the gang over for dancing and eating. I think kid games are silly.

Jack Youmans, 6-4

Before they built Fort Hamilton, I used to set fire to the lot every year. Someone always spoiled my fun!

Eileen Noonan, 7-2

I'm hoping one of my bosom pals will give a good ole' masquerade party. In fact, I don't even care whether they're my friends or not—just as long as they invite me.

Mary Jane Elmo, 6-3

They say that if I comb my hair in front of a mirror at midnight, with a candle burning before me, I'll see my future mate. If I try it I'll probably scare myself to death.

What Are You Doing?

Another Fort Hamilton graduate has given his life while serving his country. Jerome Peters was killed in a plane crash during the first week in October.

"Jerome Peters had been so enthusiastic about being accepted into the Air Corps. He had worked so hard to make the grade. He had the fine spirit that

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

DO YOU KNOW THEM?

Mr. McMullen, president of the Parent-Teachers Association has been a member of the association ever since it started way back when Fort Hamilton first opened. Because of the fuel shortage, there is only one meeting of the association in the fall and one in the spring, an evening of bridge to raise funds for books and prizes to be awarded to the students during the semester.

Fort Hamilton Stadium Planned

Mr. McMullen and his associates have wonderful plans for a regular stadium and playing field for Fort Hamilton, and confidentially, they have a preferred spot on the City Planning Committee's list. More activities for the students is the aim of the group although they are handicapped because of the lack of teachers to supervise the games and dances.

James McMullen

Mr. McMullen was graduated from Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute and Lafayette College and is the proud possesser of a B.S. and C.E. degree. Having lived in Bay Ridge for nineteen years, he joins most of the social functions here. He is a member of the Bay Ridge Tax Payers Association and a member of the payroll division of the War Finance Committee of New York State. Besides all his other activities Mr. M. is also a candidate for State Assembly.

Your reporter found her interview with him very pleasant as he was both courteous and friendly.

Mr. Clifton Bradley, this year's vice-president of the Parent-Teachers Association says that "Even though Fort Hamilton is a relatively new school, I know that the scholastic side of the student's life is well-rounded. I feel that the social and athletic side should be equally developed."

Plan Program

Mr. Bradley thinks that what is needed is a program having the approval of students and faculty. Its main idea should be to have every one of the students take part in at least one extra-curricular activity. "Special emphasis should be placed on activities and sports that can be useful and enjoyable throughout one's entire life."

Activities Included

The activities would include debating, theatricals and such hobbies as model making, handicrafts and the use of the camera. The sports included are good enough to warm the heart of any student, and they are tennis, rifle, golf, swimming, archery and others that can be enjoyed in the future.

Mr. Bradley also believes that a stadium on our present field would go a long way toward stimulating this program and that the Parents' Association can aid in this work.

DRIFTWOOD

By Roger Tyndall

TEMPERANCE

1

Speak not the harsh word.
The phrase fashioned in a moment's heat
Somehow lingers longer than we planned
On memory's dark street.

2

Our words are oft no sooner out
Than swift and silent footed death
Comes to seal the ears we smote.
Just swear at her under your breath.

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RECESSIONAL

God of our mothers
High estate
Leave them let us
Stay out late.

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NIGHTMARE

I went to sleep the other night.
And then I jumped and screamed with fright;
For instead of counting the usual sheep,

WATERLOGGED

Sign hung outside Dean's office: "Before entering wipe that opinion off your face."

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Type class—Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the senior girls for the prom.

History class—Lincoln freed the slaves and Fort Hamilton hired us.

Lunchroom—The menus are served minus the men.

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Teacher to freshmen in emergency room: "You're breathing more easily now."

Freshman: "Yeah, I've been practicing."

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Time Waits For No One—neither does the 8:43 bell
Sweet and Lovely—Fort Hamilton sub-debs
Amor—ain't it wonderful?
An Invitation to the Blues — the thought of midterms
It Could Happen to You—graduation
Cool, Calm and Collected — Mr. Ludwig
How Many Hearts Have You Broken—with those salmon cards, Miss Mullin
Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are—that strangely missing homework
I'll Get By—with a 65 for the second third
Time Alone Will Tell — whether Roosevelt or Dewey will win

Pilot, Esquire

By Charles Morse

There is an old saying and it went something like this: what you don't understand, you don't like. Perhaps the purpose of this series of articles could be to introduce you to some information that you have set yourself to not liking.

But don't get me wrong. If I told you about an exhibition of paintings at the Modern Art Museum, you probably would yell bloody murder. But considering the setup of the aforementioned, the place has some good stuff to offer to anyone interested enough to travel up to Eleven West 53rd Street in New York to find out what it's all about.

On the boards today in the young people's section of the museum is a new exhibition. It consists of about a hundred watercolors and drawings by children of the Soviet Union, and brought to this country by the art committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.

A selection well representative of the youth of the Soviet Union of today, it has pictures by children as young as six years old whose lives are reflected in their drawings. The stark realism of fighting of a tank battle in the middle of a village street, the lightly decorative silence in a country landscape, are expressions of that which has made a pointed expression upon the children's young minds.

Fairy Tales and Folklore

Not all are concerned so intensely with the immediacy of war. Some of the children have sought to interpret the Folklore and Fairy Tales of old Russia. Landscapes, flowers, and other themes, related to normal living, round out a well planned and well executed show.

Strictly Senior

With Frank McHugh elected as chairman of the Show Committee, we should have a neat Senior Show. All you future Bernhardts and Barrymores watch for the casting dates

Did you see the sparkler on Florence Davis' third finger, left hand? *Do you polish it every night, Flo?* Have you noticed how promising things look between Dave Dunseath and Frances Conti? Whenever HER name is mentioned, Tom Myer's heart skips a beat. (We don't blame you one bit, Tom!) There's a certain very pretty Senior Co-ed who has a terrific crush on Leon Anderson, and we don't mean an orange crush either . . . Who is "Buff?" Ask Muriel Krasnoff for the details.

We have heard from one of our most secret operatives that Flo Kenan has written to "The Voice" asking him to take her to the prom O-O-O-O Frankie!!!

Gals, watch out for Rose Scutti; she cooks with gas . . . Has our best-dressed fellow decided who to take to the prom yet??

Sharp Park-Slope Couple at the G. O. Dance:— Our own popular Pat Quinn and (?)! fill in any name that you wish!

Thanks to Bob Delaney, now of the A.A.F. for his neat job of designing the Senior Pin. You fellows had better get yours back from your gals, 'cause these pins are your tickets to the Senior Priveleges (??)

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Sports Deck

By Phil Monaco

According to his teammates, pitcher Frank Gomez was one of the most important men on the baseball team. Although Dick Murphy collected all the laurels, Gomez was probably the main cog in the wheel.

At the finish of the P.S.A.L. season, Hamilton had a won and lost record of 4 and 6. Gomez had a won and lost record of 4 and 1. Except for poor team play in the New Utrecht game, Gomez would have finished the season unbeaten. While striking out 45 men in 46 innings, he built up an earned run average of 1.23 which means he allowed a little more than one run per game.

Speed, Hop and Curve

Frank eliminated most of the opposing batsmen with a burning fast ball that had plenty of "hop" and a fine curve which kept them off timing. His greatest asset, though, was the fact that he could remain cool and collected with men on base.

During the Tilden game, which we won 22 to 9, Gomez came to bat with the bases loaded and hit a home run which carried, on the fly, past the goal post in deep center field. He finished third in batting on the team with an average of .333.

Frank will be back with us next season and will probably take the brunt of the pitching assignments.

A factor in helping Gomez achieve his phenomenal pitching record was our double play combination which consisted of Al Biggio and "handsomest senior" Tom Myer. Biggio and Myer with their exceptional fielding helped to extinguish many threatening enemy rallies before they could get under way. Myer also kept the infield tight with his constant "chatter."

Football Doings

George Kinsella, husky seventh termer has given up football in favor of basketball.

George has made the varsity basketball team as a guard. During his football days he played 60 minute games at end for the Celtic Football Club. He also encouraged a great number of bruises playing with almost no equipment, claiming that the excess weight slowed him up considerably.

Speaking of football, Fort Hamilton High School is well represented on the Celtics, McKinley's and Hawks, three very good amateur football teams, which play in the vicinity of Bay Ridge almost every Sunday.

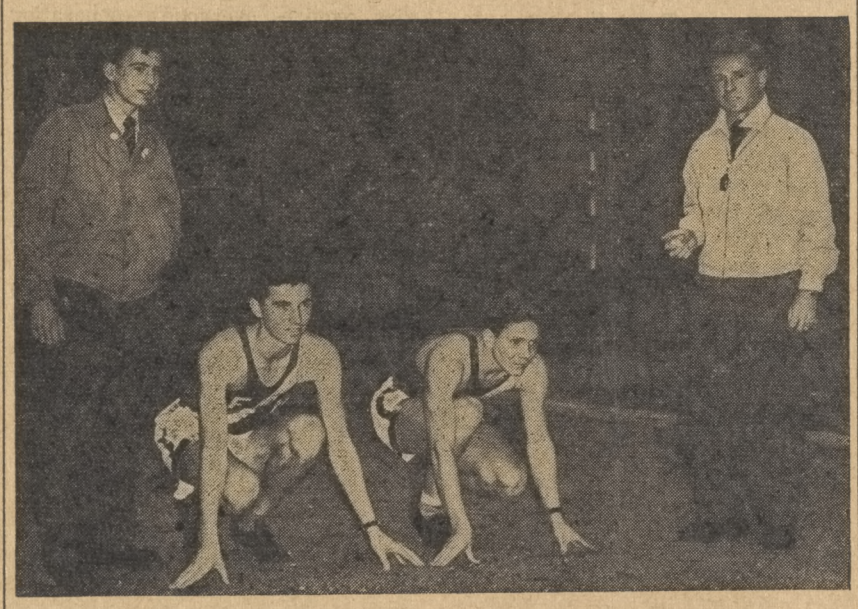
Connie Wroblewski, Hamilton's third baseman and also seventh term president, has taken up tennis as a means of keeping in shape. He's willing to take on all comers.

"Stretch" Hintermeister, 6 feet 5 inches tall, has a difficult time attempting to chin on the bar in the gym. Whenever he tries it, he never clears his feet from the floor.

Jerry Mogavero, the basketball scoring ace last season, will not play on this year's team. He is expecting a call from the Navy any day now.

Coach Drucker Chooses Varsity Basketball Team

New Captains Planning Championship Track Team



Larry De George, Anthony Bonanno, Bill MacAlpine, Coach Grant

Larger Team Is Anticipated; Meets Start In December

Highlighting the recent activities of the track team is the election of Anthony Bonanno and Bill MacAlpine as the captain and co-captain respectively for the approaching season. Larry DeGeorge, brother of George DeGeorge, who is one of America's foremost runners, has been appointed to the position of manager by Coach Grant and will assist him with the coaching and clerical duties.

Both Bonanno and MacAlpine have been members of the team since its origin by Mr. McCormack in the spring of 1942 and last term received letters for their superb running; Bonanno in the 440 and 1200 yard relay and MacAlpine in the 220 dash and 880 yard relay.

Cooperation in Planning

Working together closely, the new officers have expressed a plan that they hope will bring Fort Hamilton its first championship. Included in this is the enlargement of the team with the theory that if enough fellows turn out, exceptional material is likely to show up. The officers also conceded the fact that to attain success, full cooperation and understanding with Coach Grant will be necessary, and agreed with him that the team must gain an advantage over other schools by practising all winter despite the fact that all practising will have to be done outside when indoor practise is impossible in the gym.

As an incentive to get more members for the team, all students showing promise will be programed next term for a seventh period gym and eighth period study, during which they may practise.

New Uniforms Planned

In lending its support to the team the general organization has appropriated for the team's disposal a large sum of money that will be used for seventeen new uniforms and other necessary equipment.

For the immediate future, Coach Grant has planned tryouts in preparation for the approaching indoor season at Madison Square Garden which starts in December and will continue into February.

Brighter Prospects Ahead With 'Substitutes and Height'

Fully prepared for the coming season, Coach Drucker has announced his selections for this year's Varsity Basketball Team.

"Prospects for the team are much brighter than last year," said the coach. "We've got substitutes and height which we lacked last season. We will of course miss Amoscato and Bywater who are both in the Navy."

Spirit and Sportsmanship

Coach Drucker claims that the team to beat will be either Madison, pre-season favorites, or Erasmus. Both these teams have height and veteran players. He also remarked on the spirit and sportsmanship shown by Ft. Hamilton students last season, which he admired very much. "We must remember," said Mr. Drucker, "that our opponents are our guests. Our team will be treated the same way when we visit them." In closing he said that last season the doors were closed on account of the crowds. This season, to be sure of a seat, you must buy your tickets before the game.

About The Players

Following are Mr. Drucker's classifications of some of the players:

About *Al Gazzale* he said that Al has plenty of speed, is a good shot and a veteran of last year's team. *Sol Romanz*, like Al, is fast. He's very shifty and a good jumper. *Bill Hallaby* is an exceptional ball handler being a veteran of last year's squad. "John Hintermeister," said Mr. Drucker, "may be the answer to my prayers. He may be the surprise of the season." "Stretch" stands 6 ft. 5 in. tall and was a regular on the varsity Baseball Team last season. The coach said that Jim Maloney has great possibilities. Jim is new at Hamilton being a transfer from Power High. *Tom Lanning* has plenty of height and is a good shot. "Jerry Wortmann and George Kinsella are both good ball handlers being steady and reliable on defense," said he. *Bill Maro* handles the ball well and he has what it takes to steady the team. Others on the varsity include: Biggio, Burdett, Christiansen, McCormack, Fitzgerald, Burns and Lassen.

Beacons Lead Girls Athletics Requirements Stiff--Few Comply

By Betty Leuchs

Beacon to the right of me (Leah Cunningham); a Beacon to the left of me (Lois Carlson); one behind me (that'll be Edith Sackett); and one in front (Janet Frandsen). Oh gee, I did forget Elaine Doyle! We shall put her in the center?? With this introduction, shall we not find out just how this quintet which comprises the Girls Honor Athletic Society of Fort Hamilton came to be?

Each girl has three referee certificates: softball, basketball, and volley ball. They also have had a scholastic average of at least 75% for the two preceding terms, no failures in gym, three terms of Leaders Club, a P.S.A.L. medal, service to the Girls' Health Ed. Department and recommendations from all the Health Ed. teachers.

The Beacons, who are under the capable direction of Miss Brookman, have their own special uniform consisting of a navy blue pleated jumper over a white blouse.

On Wednesday, October 18, three Beacons: Janet Frandsen, Lois Carlson, Leah Cunningham went to Abraham Lincoln High School to represent Fort Hamilton in the annual meeting of Public High School girls. There they took part in competitive games and they discussed ways of bettering the health education program for the coming year.

G.O. and Mr. Wiener Start Rifle Team

Another sport has been added to the growing list of athletic activities students may participate in as part of the school's club program. Within the next two weeks the Fort Hamilton Rifle Team will have completed its organization.

Membership will be open to all G. O. members who are the owners of .22 caliber rifles capable of handling modern high-power .22 caliber ammunition. The prospective member must have a clear record with the dean, plus a fairly good scholastic record. Parent's consent is also required.

Mr. Wiener Is Advisor

The G. O. in cooperation with the National Rifle Association will finance the organization. Mr. Louis Wiener has been chosen faculty advisor, and Alfred Olsen, business manager.

No definite plans for a rifle range have as yet been announced. According to Mr. Wiener, they will probably be granted the use of either the local fort's range or the nearby armory's. Membership application blanks are available in the G. O. office or from Mr. Wiener.

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I am dropping you a line to let you know that I am alive and kicking. Right now I can't kick too realistically since I am in a hospital bed, but I'll explain the reason later.

I am training as a cannoneer on the 155 mm. "Long Tom."

The Going Is Tough

The training grind is stiff but invigorating and healthy. I feel fit, and have gained nine pounds.

Now, I'll explain the reason I got in the hospital. We were practicing on using a winch-chain to pull trucks out of mud. I was operating the winch on my truck. Suddenly the winch-chain snapped, and the end whipped back into the cab. I had barely enough time to place my face against the steering wheel. The cable smashed through the window and snatched around the cab.

Finally it curled up on the door frame. After it had stopped, I looked around. The windows were smashed out entirely. The dashboard was a wreck, and the steering wheel had several slits cut in it. I took off my helmet-liner, and was shocked to see that it had a big hole on the top. I wiped away sweat rolling down my face—and discovered it was blood. . By this time the lieutenant had reached me. He bandaged my head with my wound-kit, and brought me to a hospital in the jeep. I have three cuts in my scalp, which needed thirteen stitches, and my arm was cut in several places, but otherwise I am all right.

I will return to duty in several days, but I will be exempt from physical work for a while.

A fellow graduate of the Spring '44 class, Jack Sheehan, is with me here.

School Helps

I have to thank "J. Q." for my ability to adapt myself to the rigid Basic routine. I find that we use a lot of physics in the artillery. I am sorry I didn't pay more attention in class, and that I didn't learn the millimeter-inches scales well enough. As gunner, I have to make minute variations in the sight, which are done through angles, degrees, minutes, and millimeters sub-divided by the hundredths. A slight error in the manipulation would drop shells on friendly troops.

Hamilton At Bat

Sports make a lot of difference to young men. I proved to the classifier that I was a ball-player and trackman. They asked me to play on the regiment team. I made the tryout, and now play right field.

I'll close now to catch up on my mail.

Yours sincerely,
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Six Get Inside View Of Tribune Forum

This year, the six students from F. H. H. S. who were chosen to represent the school at the annual N.Y. Tribune Forum at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel were especially lucky as the guest speakers were famous and interesting people. The six, who attended this forum on Oct. 17, 1944, were Claire Applegate 8-4, Eleanor Bell 8-4, Jane Clark 7-7, Miriam McClosky 6-8, Ruth Nelson 6-3, and Glen Tedder 8-7.

The topic of this second session of the forum, was *Leadership Through Young Minds*, and among the speakers were Christian Heiter, Representative from Mass.; Ruth Clifton, originator of the Moline Plan; Ruth Sandmann, 13 year old German refugee; and Shirley Temple, the movie star.

Four of the girls received their tickets through their connection as alumnae of Empire Girls State, and the school received the other two tickets. At other sessions this year, some of the speakers were Henry Kaiser, Mayor LaGuardia, Governor Dewey, Helen Gahagan Douglas and Claire Booth Luce.

AFTER THE EIGHTH

Psychology Club

Fort Hamilton's Psychology Club has survived one term very nicely, thank you, and its members expect to do some very interesting research work in these coming months, all under the guidance of Mr. Kamin.

The requirements for joining are that each student have attained an average of 85% or over in Biology and must submit a written composition stating why he or she wishes to study Psychology.

Fourth Term Council

For those of you fourth termers who wish to have a voice in your affairs, you are invited, by your grade advisor, Mrs. Gotch, to attend the grade council meetings every Tuesday afternoon in room 127. Be sure to keep in touch with your "reps" and find out just what activities are planned this term.

Camera Club

For those students who are actively interested in photography, the Camera Club, under the direction of Mr. Friedman, meets every Wednesday afternoon at 3 P. M. in the Science Lab.

Once a week the club has a studio day, at which time a model is selected and each member takes a picture of the model. Later these shots are compared and criticized.

Red Cross Club

Attention: Calling all students of Fort Hamilton High to do their share. The Red Cross Club meets every Tuesday at 3 P. M. in room 264 under the guidance of Miss Matson. This club consists of a handful of girls working alone on a task that requires everyone's cooperation. Their task is an important one, making afghans for the wounded men in hospitals.

Radio Club

Here's good news to all you radio-minded people who couldn't join the Radio Club because it met on Tuesday. It now meets on Thursday in room 105, after the 8th period. The membership is limited to twelve students, but there are a few vacancies.

The club has taken immense strides towards teaching practical radio technique and useful information about the making and re-conditioning of radios.

Lost Articles Still Waiting For Owners

The Lost and Found has finally found itself. Its new location is in room 215, the room opposite the library.

At the end of each term the clothing left in the Lost and Found is given to some worthy cause. The more valuable pins and jewelry are kept. Many students who lost valuable articles last term have still got a chance to find them. These articles are kept in the library.

Masterless Dogs

Four small dogs, chained together, are wandering around looking for their master. These dogs are in the form of a bracelet.

Among the articles in the library now are five rings and watches. There are also seven pairs of glasses and several bracelets.

"Judging from the number of sneakers that found their way to the Lost and Found at the beginning of the term, some enterprising student should be able to reclaim enough rubber to ease the present shortage in bicycle tires and rubber bands," commented Mr. Shostak when he saw the stockpiles.

**At every party, Francie Falk
Would drive the boys away,
For she was shy and couldn't talk
Not knowing what to say.**

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